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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

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PETERBORO', N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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TOWN OFFICERS, 1880-81.

TOWN CLERK—John H. Steele.

TREASURER—William G. Livingston.

SELECTMEN—William Moore, Wilbur E. Davis, Joseph F. Noone.

OVERSEER OF POOR—Augustus Fuller.

AUDITORS—Mortier L. Morrison, Riley B. Hatch, William L. Baldwin.

SUPERVISORS—Andrew A. Farnsworth, Henry Knight, Amzi Childs.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE—George Dustan, Abraham W. Jackson.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—George Dustan, Mrs. A. W. Jackson.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE—John H. Cutler, Riley B. Hatch, John Scott.

FIRE WARDS—Chief, Joseph F. Noone; Aids, George W. Farrar, John H. Steele, Wilbur E. Davis, Thomas Haskell, Charles Wilder, Albert W. Noone.

COLLECTORS OF TAXES—Samuel N. Porter, Owen A. Willey.

ROAD AGENT—Asa Davis.

POLICE—Chief, Charles Scott; Wilbur E. Davis, George B. Priest, Elijah A. Robbins, James E. Saunders.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE—George Dustan, Owen A. Willey, John Scott.

SEXTON—Owen A. Willey.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER—Edwin A. Towns, William F. Barrett, James E. Ray, Henry Field, John H. Vose, Oscar W. Davis, Christopher Decker, Orenus H. Russell.

CORDERS OF WOOD—Wilbur E. Davis, Collins C. Robbins, Orenus H. Russell, Albert S. Clark, William F. Barrett, Oscar W. Davis, Joel T. Brackett, John McCoy, James E. Ray.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES—Asa Davis.

FENCE VIEWERS—Charles A. Robbe, Charles H. Brooks.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS—Joseph F. Noone, John H. Cutler, Charles Scott, Charles H. Varnum, Frank G. Clark, Albert W. Noone.

AGENT OF TOWN CLOCK—Alfred F. Grimes.

PUTNAM PARK COMMITTEE—George W. Farrar, Albert M. Smith, Ervin H. Smith.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, Mrs. Elmira Prichard, Dr. J. H. Cutler, E. M. Smith, Esq.

Primary department. Summer term. Teacher, Miss Fannie Washburn. This teacher maintained her well deserved reputation as a faithful and efficient instructor of children.

Fall and winter terms. This school has been under the charge of Miss Emma R. Smith for the last two terms, who has sustained the character of the school and her former high reputation as a most efficient and judicious teacher. The examinations were much enjoyed, showing commendable diligence and proficiency of the scholars.

Intermediate department. The summer and fall terms were under the charge of Miss Abbie C. Robbe, the former most faithful and successful teacher, who has long given instruction in this department with marked success.

She was succeeded in the winter by Mrs. Charles Knight, a lady of much experience in teaching. Mrs. Knight has labored most assiduously for the good of the school. Her discipline has been good, and the school has made excellent progress. The district can hardly do better than to retain the present teachers.

The Grammar department has had a successful year under the instruction of Mr. Charles Knight. Although the final examination of the winter term has not yet taken place, we think we can safely say the year has been a really profitable one for the district. This winter the school has been unusually large, and the promise is that there will be a larger and more thoroughly prepared class for promotion to the high school than usual. Though we feel constrained to criticise a little some of Mr. Knight's meth-

ods of punishment as belonging rather to the past than the present, we would at the same time heartily commend his faithfulness, zeal, and practical methods of instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Ellen M. Nahor, who has taught in this district several terms, again had charge of the summer term. She worked faithfully, as usual. She also did the district the service of collecting enough money to purchase a set of outline maps for the school room; a valuable addition to their fine school building.

The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Mary Buckminster. The school made good progress under her instruction. Composition and map drawing, we were glad to see, had received considerable attention. The winter term showed increased thoroughness in the drill.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Clara Pettengill had charge of both the summer and winter terms of this school. She came thoroughly qualified but without experience; uncertain of her powers but anxious to do good service. It took her a little time to learn the mental capacity of her smaller scholars, but when this was learned their progress became very marked, and at the end of the second term she showed that she has in her the making of an excellent teacher. We hope this district will again secure her services.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This district again wisely employed Miss Mary Hamill. Under her instruction the scholars made excellent progress. Miss Hamill does not forget the "Why?" which teachers must so often ask. She also believes that every term she teaches should be better than the preceding, and uses all the means at her command to make it so.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Prudential Committee, Mr. William Tyler.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Emma N. Smiley. This teacher met with very good success in this school, and the scholars showed good progress in their studies. The examination passed off very creditably to both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Prudential Committee, Mr. John A. Hovey.

Summer term. Teacher, Mrs. Mary C. Senter. Mrs. Senter is a teacher of much experience. She seems to win the love of the children, and imparts a good degree of enthusiasm to her scholars. The school was in good order at examination time, and the recitations showed faithfulness on the part of the teacher in the discharge of her duties, and good progress on the part of the scholars.

Winter term. Teacher, Mr. Frank C. Bruce. Mr. Bruce is a good scholar and an excellent disciplinarian. He carries much zeal into his work in the school room. The examination, which was deferred on account of a heavy storm, was very good, though but part of the scholars were present. But from those who were in attendance we judge the school was a success this term.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Geo. E. Hunt.

Teacher, both terms, Miss Abbie C. Morse. Miss Morse has taught this school for several terms with marked success, and the present year was no exception. Miss Morse is very industrious, "apt to teach," and skillful in drawing out the scholars. She imparts much enthusiasm to her school, and the examinations were very enjoyable. The parents in this district evince great interest in their school, and are always out in large numbers to attend the examinations. They have also contributed by the purchase of school equipments—maps, charts, and other things, useful and ornamental—very much to the good of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Prudential Committee, Mr. Charles Barber.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Jennie E. Hadley, who, though not having had any experience, was well fitted by education and natural characteristics for the office of a teacher. Throwing herself into her work she succeeded in awakening a surprising degree of enthusiasm in her scholars. The discipline was good, and the progress of the scholars very commendable.

The winter term was taught by Miss Edna N. Barber, who has had much experience in teaching, and her success sustained her previous reputation as a first class teacher. The examination was very good, and indicated study on the part of the scholars, and thorough instruction on the part of the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

This district has been very fortunate in having Miss Knowlton's services for nearly two years. She has much experience and is thoroughly devoted to her work; has a high ideal and strives to attain it. She had many difficulties to overcome. There is great irregularity among the scholars from term to term, and several pupils on entering the school could not speak English, or understand it when spoken to them; but her examinations were highly creditable. We especially commend her *methods* of instruction.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

This district has but few scholars and only one term of school, but teacher and scholars evidently tried to make the most of this single term. Mr. Stearns came young and inexperienced, but he worked faithfully and patiently with his pupils, and the results were apparent at the closing examination.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Prudential Committee, Mr. J. H. Fay.

The summer term of this school was taught with excellent success by Miss Nellie S. Wilcox, who is a good disciplinarian and every way qualified to take charge of one of our common schools. The examination showed that the scholars had made praiseworthy progress in their studies.

The teacher in the winter was Miss Jennie E. Hadley, who succeeded admirably, and the school sustained its former reputation.

It impresses us that while our schools are yet far from being what we desire, we have at our command means for their improvement if we are only willing to employ them wisely and

faithfully. A larger appropriation is of course necessary to raise them to a very much higher standard, but with the money we have we think something more might be done.

First, our prudential committees could often select their teachers more wisely. The first applicant is not *sure* to be the best teacher. We have now in town material for some excellent teachers; they are gaining experience every term; some have already proved themselves; if our committees will secure for the schools the advantages of their maturing powers, much will be gained. Unfortunately, we have known where teachers of proved experience might have been secured to the greater benefit of the schools, if the committee had made a little effort to secure them, instead of taking a young and inexperienced applicant. They could confer with the superintending committee who, as a rule, have a wide acquaintance with teachers. Our schools need the moral and intellectual help that teachers of age and experience alone can give.

Second, there could be occasional meetings of the teachers of the town, to compare experiences and discuss methods of instruction—a town teachers' institute, in short. The superintending committee could take charge, and all interested in education could lend a hand.

Third, the superintending committee might confer, and adopt a systematic method for the schools and push together.

Fourth, parents might take a livelier interest in the schools; visit them oftener, and know from personal observation their condition.

Fifth, every school house might be supplied with maps; a large dictionary, correct pronunciation being an important consideration for teachers and scholars; a few books of reference, bought from year to year at small expense.

There are more things that might be suggested, but these will do for the coming year.

GEORGE DUSTAN, } Superintending
MRS. C. C. B. JACKSON, } Committee.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Tilton retired from the school last year at the close of the summer term, and the committee were compelled to seek a new principal. After considering several applications, they finally settled upon Mr. H. M. Rich, a recent graduate of Dartmouth College. He came to us bearing the highest recommendations, which, as an instructor he has amply justified. His teaching is excellent. His example, too, before his pupils is simple, pure and elevating. His weak point has been his discipline. When he first went into the school it was with the expectation of meeting there a class of young ladies and young gentlemen whose pride in their standing would impose a sufficient constraint upon their deportment, and spur them to scholarly endeavor. Such, in the main, they were; but there were also those who needed something sterner than the rank book to hold them to study and behavior. Towards these few he has failed in severity. His examinations, however, have shown that want of rigor has not seriously lessened the practical results of his labors. In all the branches of study his pupils have exhibited a thorough and solid attainment.

GEORGE DUSTAN, } High School
A. W. JACKSON, } Committee.

March 1, 1881.

TABULAR VIEW OF SUMMER SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.		Districts.		Number of weeks.
1				
1	Charles H. Knight .	10	38 34	4
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2	Abbie C. Robbe . . .	2		2 16
2	Abbie C. Robe . . .	2		34 00
3	Fannie S. Washburn .	10	50 47	2
3	Emma R. Smith . . .	10	44 42	4
2	Ellen M. Nahor . . .	10	21 20	2
2	M. E. Buckminster .	9	19 17	
3	Clara E. Pettengill .	11	18 15	3
4	Mary A. Hamill . . .	8	8 7	1
5	Emma N. Smiley . . .	9	15 13	2
6	Mary C. Senter . . .	9	20	2
7	Abby C. Morse . . .	10	18 17	2
8	Jennie E. Hadley . . .	10	8 6	2
9	M. F. Knowlton . . .	8	32 28	2
9	M. F. Knowlton . . .	8	27 23	2
10	No summer term.	8		
11	Nellie S. Wilcox . . .	8	7 6	2
		11	17 00	

TABULAR VIEW OF WINTER SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.		Districts.		Number of weeks.
1				
1	Charles H. Knight .	11	49 47	8
2	Mrs. M. T. Knight .	11	36 35	5
3	Emma R. Smith . . .	12	43 40	28
2	M. E. Buckminster .	7	14 12	00
3	Clara E. Pettengill .	12	14 12	2
4	Mary A. Hamill . . .	10	7 7	1
5	Emma N. Smiley . . .	7	14 10	6
6	Frank C. Bruce . . .	12	23 20	18 00
7	Abby C. Morse . . .	10	20 19	23 00
8	Jennie E. Hadley . . .	10	11 9	7 14
9	M. F. Knowlton . . .	8	27 24	18 00
10	Alvin L. Stearns . . .	12	6 5	32 00
11	Jennie E. Hadley . . .	8	6 5	16 00
		2	2 211	2 212
		17	00	17 00

HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

High School in account with the Town of Peterboro'
March 1, 1881.

DR.

To money on hand,	\$ 64 36
Money received of town,	1,325 00
Tuition,	10 00
Diplomas,	13 00
	———— \$1,412 36

CR.

By salary of teachers,	\$1132 00
Rent of Academy,	100 00
Wood,	22 80
Care of Academy,	22 00
Bills paid,	36 40
Money in Savings Bank,	109 16
	———— \$1,412 36

GEO. DUSTAN, for Committee.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

RNDERED MARCH 1, 1881.

We herewith respectfully submit a report of the transactions of such departments under our charge during the past year as seems to us necessary to be made. We may have made some mistakes in the management of the details of the various interests committed to our care, but in all cases it has been our aim to labor faithfully, and according to our best judgment, for the highest interests of the town.

COLLECTORS AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Of the many changes from the former methods which we have made in the manner of transacting the town business, probably the greatest is in the tax list and collection of taxes. This change was absolutely necessary in following the plain directions of the General Laws of New Hampshire, which we have endeavored to do. The result is that the tax list for 1880 is entirely settled. S. N. Porter, collector, deserves great credit for the efficiency with which he has discharged his duties. Upon assuming the duties of our office we found reported uncollected taxes amounting to \$1,288.50. There was no tax list *certified to by the selectmen* containing the taxes reported as uncollected, and there was a vacancy existing in the office of collector. According to the best legal advice we could get, we were convinced that it was very doubtful whether we could create a legal tax list for a tax assessed by our predecessors, or whether we could fill a vacancy in the office of collector, which occurred before our term of office commenced for the collection of such a list. For these and other reasons the collection of these taxes could not be enforced, although they were without doubt legally assessed.

ABATEMENTS.

Upon learning the true condition of the uncollected taxes, we concluded to collect all we could, and settle the balance by abatements, so far as we felt warranted in doing so. This necessarily makes the list of

abatements larger this year than usual. We have been obliged to abate many taxes as uncollectable, which might have been collected in the years they were assessed.

TOWN OFFICERS.

The excess of the expenditures over the appropriations on this account is caused mainly by the fact that the collectors have been paid as other town officers. Heretofore their salary has been deducted from the amount of their collections. This cannot be done, if, as the law requires of them, on the first Saturday of every month, they submit their accounts to the treasurer for his examination, and pay over to him all moneys collected. This law has been strictly complied with.

POOR.

In accordance with the vote of the town at the last annual meeting, we visited the County Farm to examine the institution and learn the condition of the Poor accredited to Peterboro'. We found no persons there who could be brought to the Town Farm, in compliance with said vote. A list of the paupers at the County Farm will be found in another part of this report.

FUNDS.

The Osgood Fund of \$1000.00 is deposited in the Peterboro' Savings Bank, and draws interest at four per cent. per annum. The conditions of the will requires that it shall be invested at six per cent., and the annual interest annually distributed to such poor of the town as the selectmen may judge to be worthy of such charity. That the conditions of the will may be complied with, we recommend that the Fund be invested in a six per cent. town bond, and the premium on the bond be paid out of the town treasury. We have made a report of the receipts and expenditures on account of the Fund, and we designed to have had a report of every fund given for the benefit of the town, but have been unable to obtain a report from the trustees of the Smith Fund for the benefit of the Library, although we have made a request of one of the trustees for such a report.

WATER FOR TOWN HOUSE.

In accordance with the vote of the town we have put in water pipes for the accommodation of the Town House Stores and Hall. Instead of connecting with the pipe at the watering trough and getting a supply of water from that source, we have allowed Mr. A. Fuller to connect with our pipes in the stores and lease the water to the tenants. We believed this to be better than to interfere with the supply of water for the town watering trough.

The Selectmen in account with the Town of Peterboro',
March 1, 1881:

RECEIPTS.

Rent of T. D. Winch to Jan. 1, 1880,	\$ 200 00
Cash of A. W. Jackson, balance of Library account,	7 31
Amount of tax list Apr. 1, 1880,	15,321 29
Amount of tax list after Apr. 1, 1880,	104 15
Money borrowed of 1st National Bank,	20,000 00
License to show,	5 00
Ballou execution,	79 84
Less expense of collection,	5 00—
Uncollected tax list turned over by T. P. Ames,	558 98
Wood " " " "	9 00
Rent of T. D. Winch, to July 1, 1880,	100 00
Rent of J. R. Miller, to July 1, 1880,	100 00
Rent of C. A. Jaquith, to Dec. 1, 1880,	150 00
Jesse Martin, of Town Hall,	31 00
J. H. Steele, dog licenses,	28 00
State Treasurer, balance as per account,	490 06
Rent of J. R. Miller to Jan. 1, 1881,	100 00
Rent of T. D. Winch to Jan 1, 1881,	100 00
Rent of upper hall to Jan. 1, 1881,	52 00
Rent of O. A. Willey, use of hearse,	3 00
Rent of C. A. Jaquith to March 1, 1881,	62 50
Cash of Shedd Bros., unexpended highway tax, 1877,	1 50
	———— \$19,498 63

EXPENDITURES.

Paid town treasurer T. D. Winch's rent,	\$ 200 00
Paid town treasurer balance from library,	7 31
Tax list put into S. N. Porter's hands,	15,321 29
Tax list put into S. N. Porter's hands,	104 15
Paid town treasurer money borrowed,	2,000 00
Tax list put into O. A. Willey's hands,	558 98
Paid town treasurer, Winch and Miller rent,	200 00
C. A. Jaquith rent,	150 00
J. R. Miller rent,	100 00
dog license,	28 00
rent town hall,	31 00
cash received for wood,	9 00
rent of upper hall,	52 00
license for show,	5 00
Ballou execution,	74 84
balance from State treasurer,	490 06
T. D. Winch rent,	100 00
received for use of hearse,	3 00
C. A. Jaquith, rent to Mar. 1, 1881,	62 50
unexpended highway tax, 1877	1 50
	———— \$19,498 63

State of N. H. in account with Town of Peterboro'
as per statement of State Treasurer.

DR.	
Insurance tax,	\$ 111 00
Railroad tax,	286 36
Savings Bank tax,	3297 86
Literary fund,	122 84
	\$3,818 06

CR.	
State tax from town of Peterboro',	\$3328 00
Balance paid Selectmen,	490 06
	\$3,818 06

Samuel N. Porter, in account with the Selectmen,
March 1, 1881.

DR.	
Amount of tax list,	\$15,321 29
Order on treasurer, com. on collection,	157 50
Order on treasurer, com. on collection,	87 50
Amount of tax list assessed after Apr. 1, 1880,	104 15
Interest collected on taxes,	12 00
Order on treasurer, commission on collection,	23 85
	\$15,706 29

CR.	
Abatements allowed,	\$ 74 50
Treasurer's receipts,	15,362 94
Commission on collection,	268 85
	\$15,706 29

Theophilus P. Ames, in account with Selectmen,
March 1, 1881.

DR.	
Amount of uncollected tax list, March 1, 1880,	\$1,259 50
Amount of uncollected dog tax, March 1, 1880,	29 00
Harriet G. Nelson's note,	15 42
Treasurer's order for commission on taxes collected,	43 77
Taxes collected and turned over as uncollected, May 14, 1880,	16 58
	\$1,364 27

CR.	
Amount of uncollected tax list, May 14, 1880,	\$541 98
Amount of uncollected dog tax, May 14, 1880,	17 00
Wood received for taxes,	9 00
Treasurer's receipts,	719 59
Commission on taxes collected,	43 77
	\$1,331 34

Balance due Town, March 1, 1881, \$32 93

Owen A. Willey, in account with Selectmen, March
1, 1881.

DR.	
List of uncollected taxes, 1874-76-77-78-79,	\$558 98
Interest collected on taxes,	3 72
Order on treasurer, commission on collection,	36 05
	\$598 75

CR.

Abatements allowed,	\$251 67
Treasurer's receipts,	240 38
Commission on collections,	36 05
Taxes on list previously paid to T. P. Ames,	16 58
Uncollected taxes March 1, 1881,	54 07
	—————
	\$598 75

SCHOOLS.

Receipts:	
Balance March 1, 1880, due High School,	\$ 725 00
Appropriation,	2,912 00
One-fifth of literary fund not used by School Com.	24 57
	—————
	\$3,661 57

Expenditures:

George Dustan, High School,	\$1,325 00
Ezra M. Smith, District No. 1,	810 66
O. H. Russell, " 2,	153 11
German Day, " 3,	132 45
W. H. Longley, " 4,	81 73
William Tyler, " 5,	77 03
John A. Hovey, " 6,	120 24
George Hunt, " 7,	118 36
Charles Barber, " 8,	71 39
Collins C. Robbins, " 9,	211 35
John S. Stearns, " 10,	52 60
J. H. Fay, " 11,	70 45
A. J. Gordon, for Hancock,	2 82
	—————
	\$3,227 19
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1881,	
Balance due High School,	\$434 38
Balance due general School Fund,	24 57
	—————
	\$434 38

LIBRARY.

Receipts:

Appropriation,	115 00
Four-fifths of Literary Fund,	98 27
	—————
	\$213 27

Expenditures:

Georgie Lynch, librarian,	\$ 20 00
M. M. French, librarian,	5 00
R. B. Hatch, library committee,	25 00
R. B. Hatch, library committee,	25 00
R. B. Hatch, library committee,	100 00
F. H. Porter, librarian,	15 00
F. H. Porter, librarian,	15 00
A. F. Grimes, bill of figures, for shelves, 1878,	2 50
D. M. White, insurance,	20 25
R. B. Hatch, library committee,	17 40
	—————
	\$245 15

Balance against this account, March 1, 1881,	\$31 88
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HIGHWAYS.

Receipts:	
Appropriation,	\$1,200 00
Expenditures:	
Asa Davis, road agent,	\$1,250 00
	—
Balance against this account, March 1, 1881,	\$50 00

BRIDGES AND RAILING.

Receipts:	
Appropriation,	\$400 00
Expenditures:	
Asa Davis, road agent,	\$500 00
	—
Balance against this account, March 1, 1881,	\$100 00

SNOW.

Receipts:	
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Expenditures:	
Asa Davis, road agent,	\$600 00
	—
Balance against this account, March 1, 1881,	\$300 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Receipts:	
Appropriation,	\$325 00
Expenditures:	
H. Buckland, steward,	\$ 15 00
J. E. Saunders, steward,	5 00
Deluge Engine Company, pay of members,	72 50
Aquarius Engine Company, pay of members,	154 58
D. M. White, insurance,	18 75
	—
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1881,	\$265 83
	—
	\$59 17

STREET LAMPS.

Receipts:	
Appropriation,	\$350 00
Expenditures:	
John Rourke, lighting lamps,	\$39 50
Wm. G. Livingston, bill of oil, etc.,	36 21
John Rourke, lighting lamps,	23 75
John Rourke, lighting lamps,	28 75
John Rourke, lighting lamps,	40 00
Wm. G. Livingston, oil, etc.,	31 00
John Rourke, lighting lamps,	20 00
John Rourke, lighting lamps,	29 70
Thomas Haskell, oil, etc.,	28 94
Thomas Haskell, oil, etc.,	10 10
Wm. G. Livingston, oil, etc.,	34 84
	—
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1881,	\$322 79
	—
	\$27 21

PAUPERS.

Receipts:	
Appropriation,	\$250 00
Expenditures:	
A. Fuller,	\$50 00
A. Fuller,	50 00
A. Fuller,	50 00

	\$150 00
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1881,	\$100 00

PUTNAM GROVE.

Receipts:	
Balance, March 1, 1880,	\$155 09
Amount received from dog licenses,	28 00

	\$183 09
Expenditures:	
A. Townsend, filling,	\$85 00
A. Davis, river wall,	65 28
S. Woods, labor,	3 75
A. T. Hovey, filling,	15 62
W. G. Livingston, grass seed,	50
E. H. Smith, paid for advertisement,	1 00

	\$171 21
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1881,	\$11 88

CEMETERY.

Receipts:	
Balance in treasurer's hands, March 1, 1880,	\$229 23
Received from sale of cemetery lots in 1880,	57 00

	\$286 23

Expenditures:—None.	
Balance to credit of this account, March 1, 1881,	\$286 23

INCIDENTALS.

Receipts:	
Rents of town house,	\$895 50
License for show,	5 00
Balance received on Ballou execution,	74 84
Balance from State treasurer less literary fund,	367 22
Licenses on billiard tables,	47 00
O. A. Willey, use of hearse,	3 00
Interest on taxes collected by S. N. Porter,	12 00
Interest on taxes collected by O. A. Willey,	3 72
Cash of Shedd Bros., unexpended highway tax, 1877,	1 50

	\$1409 78

Expenditures:—Town House.	
D. M. White, insurance,	\$33 05
F. G. Clarke, insurance,	63 52
W. E. Davis, labor and material on chimney,	20 42
A. Fuller, repairs in town hall,	3 83
L. P. Wilson, painting in town house,	13 62
Jesse Martin, care of hall,	5 00

	\$139 44

Bounties:

Fred Eastman, 3 hawks,	\$ 60
W. E. Davis, 16 hawks,	3 20
J. F. Noone, 5 hawks,	1 00
	—

\$4 80

Returning Births and Deaths:

W. D. Chase,	\$8 25
M. T. Kimball,	2 75
J. H. Cutler,	7 00
D. B. Cutter,	1 75
	—

\$19 75

Stationery and Printing:

Farnum & Scott, town reports, warrant, &c.,	\$71 00
Farnum & Scott, envelopes, notices, &c.,	14 25
J. H. Steele, stationery,	11 07
	—

\$96 32

Miscellaneous:

Thomas Little, snow bill for 1879,	\$ 6 90
R. H. Morrison, snow bill for 1878-9,	5 00
W. G. Livingston, Whitney Committee,	12 00
T. P. Ames, services delivering inventories,	1 20
Townsend & Shedd, moving safes,	7 00
G. F. Parmenter, damage on road,	20 00
George Dustan, maps for schools in 1879,	55 00
Thomas B. Tucker, damage to horse,	90 00
T. D. Winch, labor making inventories,	2 50
William Moore, paid A. Sawyer, counsel,	10 00
O. A. Willey, order from H. Nelson, for labor on highway from April 25, 1876, to Aug. 28, 1878,	33 92
O. A. Willey, labor on village cemetery,	26 45
Lorenzo Holt, painting hearse in 1879,	20 00
J. H. Spofford, special police,	3 00
A. Fuller, repairing pump in grove,	2 63
J. F. Noone, expenses to Keene, and counsel,	7 50
John Rourke, horse hire,	13 50
R. B. Hatch, iron fence for library,	49 97
J. H. Cutler, labor and material for library,	6 41
G. B. Gilchrest, cupboard for Selectmen's room,	14 40
A. F. Grimes, care of town clock,	25 00
J. H. Bartlett, wood for Selectmen's room,	6 00
R. B. Hatch, services as counsel,	55 50
William Moore, paid A. F. Stevens, counsel,	3 00
G. W. Farrar, labor and material in library,	5 50

G. W. Farrar, repairs on hearse,	2 37
J. R. Miller, postage, and distributing reports,	5 50
R. H. Wilder, snow bill, 1879,	4 85
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	\$495 10
Amount of expenditures,	\$ 755 41
Amount of appropriation,	1,409 78
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Balance to credit of this account, Mar. 1, 1881,	\$654 37

TOWN OFFICERS.

Receipts :	
Appropriation,	\$600 00
Expenditures :	
Charles H. Brooks, selectman to March 9, 1880,	\$ 14 75
Eben Jones, selectman to Mar. 1, 1880,	11 50
James Scott, auditor,	5 00
M. L. Morrison, auditor,	5 00
A. B. Tarbell, auditor,	5 00
George Dustan, school committee,	60 00
Owen A. Willey, sexton to May 13, 1880,	133 00
T. P. Ames, collector of taxes,	43 77
William Moore, selectman, 1879,	18 50
A. A. Farnsworth, for board of supervisors to Nov. 12, 1880,	30 00
William Moore, selectman,	136 30
Willbur E. Davis, selectman,	117 90
J. F. Noone, selectman,	126 75
W. E. Davis, police,	25 00
W. G. Livingston, town treasurer,	75 00
J. H. Steele, town clerk,	51 68
S. N. Porter, collector of taxes,	268 85
O. A. Willey, collector of taxes,	36 05
W. E. Davis, extra pay of police during muster,	12 00
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	\$1,176 05
Balance against this account, March 1, 1881,	\$576 05

DOORS AND WINDOWS IN TOWN HOUSE STORES.

Receipts :	
Appropriation,	\$250 00
Expenditures :	
C. E. Jaquith, labor and materials,	\$243 00
J. N. Allen, drawing plans,	7 00
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	\$250 00

WATER FOR TOWN HOUSE STORES.

Receipts :	
Appropriation,	\$200 00
Expenditures :	
W. E. Davis, paid for labor,	\$ 11 95
A. Fuller, labor and material,	62 66
G. B. Gilchrest, labor and material,	7 91

	\$82 52
Balance to credit of this account, Mar. 1, 1881,	\$117 48

TOWN CLOCK.

Receipts :	
Appropriation,	\$100 00
Expenditures :	
C. E. Jaquith, making three dials,	\$71 90

	\$71 90
Balance to credit of this account Mar. 1, 1881,	\$28 10

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Receipts :	
Appropriation, amount of dog tax collected,	\$105 00
Expenditures :	
A. C. Frost,	\$12 00

	\$12 00
Balance to credit of this account, Mar. 1, 1881,	\$93 00

TOWN HALL STAGE.

Receipts :	
Appropriation,	\$50 00
Expenditures :	
G. B. Gilchrest, building stage,	\$43 00
G. B. Gilchrest, frame for curtains,	7 90

	\$50 90
Balance against this account, Mar. 1, 1881,	90

SAFE.

Receipts :	
Appropriation,	\$75 00
Expenditures :	
John Q. Adams, for safe,	\$75 00

	\$75 00

WATER PIPES ON MAIN STREET.

Receipts :	
Appropriation,	\$300 00
Expenditures :	
Phoenix Mfg. Co., putting in pipe and hydrants,	\$260 00

	\$260 00
Balance to credit of this account, Mar. 1, 1881,	\$40 00

GRAND ARMY.

Receipts :	
Appropriation,	\$50 00
Expenditures :	
D. M. White,	\$50 00

	\$50 00

EXPENDITURES BY VOTE OF THE TOWN FOR WHICH
NO APPROPRIATION WAS MADE.

Savings Bank tax for 1879, refunded :

Wirling Gregg,	\$ 6 65
Isaac Pettengill,	6 35
Chas. H. Knight,	1 21
George M. Cooper,	18 15
John McCoy,	15 02
B. L. Winn,	6 05
Levi Nichols,	15 73
Harvey Hadley,	4 84
Fred A. Tarbell,	4 07
John H. Cutler,	11 19
William F. White,	4 53
Mary J. Stacy,	6 05
Anna D. Jaquith,	6 05
Geo. W. Conant,	9 37
David Smiley Estate,	13 79

	\$129 05

CARTING SAND OUT OF CHILDS' POND.

Amzi Childs, paid for labor,	\$65 00
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TINNING ROOF OF PIAZZA TO TOWN HOUSE.

F. E. Taggart, labor and material,	\$52 00
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PLANKING TOWN HOUSE STEPS.

G. B. Gilchrest, labor and materials,	\$13 01
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ABATEMENTS FROM OWEN A. WILLEY'S TAX LIST.

1874,	William H. Gibbs, uncollectable,	\$58 74
1876,	Daniel Crawley, uncollectable,	1 36
	Thomas Murray, error,	50
	Joseph Greenwood, uncollectable,	1 36
	Alvah Puffer, uncollectable,	4 81
1877,	Charles Lawrence, uncollectable,	1 37
	William Barr, not in town,	2 37
	Wallace Richardson, uncollectable,	1 56
	George S. Piper, paid in Salem, Mass.,	1 37
	Herbert P. Cheever, uncollectable,	3 07
	Chas. P. Follansbee, uncollectable,	6 30
1878,	George Arm, uncollectable,	1 55
1877-8-9,	Wm. Russell, uncollectable,	18 70
1878,	John Arthur, uncollectable,	1 55
1877-8,	Jeremiah O'Driscoll, uncollectable,	2 92
1878,	Bosley, uncollectable,	1 55
	John C. Boutwell, paid in Greenville,	1 55
	Marcus Blanchard, uncollectable,	1 55
	Patrick Curran, over 70,	1 55
	John F. Duncklee, uncollectable,	1 55
	A. Z. Fuller, uncollectable,	4 55
	Frank Dupray, uncollectable,	1 55
	H. Nelson, error, tax on dog,	1 00
	James F. Greenwood, uncollectable,	1 55
	Wm. T. McLaughlin, uncollectable,	1 55
	Thomas Roberts, uncollectable,	1 55
	Frank Reede, uncollectable,	1 55
	John Smith, not in town,	1 55
	Riley B. Hatch, discount on amt. paid,	3 83
1879,	Zabina A. Annis, uncollectable,	1 21
	Charles Brown, uncollectable,	1 21
	Edward Burtt, uncollectable,	2 13
	John Coreoran, uncollectable,	1 21
	Ernest Carl, uncollectable,	1 21
	John F. Duncklee, uncollectable,	1 21
	Misses Fife, inability to pay,	3 63
	Amos Greene, inability to pay,	2 73
	William T. Gould, inability to pay,	5 45
	William Holden, uncollectable,	1 21
	Daniel Hunt, taxed in Stoddard,	1 21
	J. L. Jaison, uncollectable,	1 21
	John Lindsay, jr., uncollectable,	1 21
	Milton Leathers, uncollectable,	1 21
	Thomas Lindsay, uncollectable,	1 21
	Wm. F. McLaughlin, uncollectable,	1 21
	Marcut Austin, uncollectable,	1 21
	Frank J. Reede, uncollectable,	1 21

Carl Seeschaff, uncollectable,	1 21
Wm. W. Spofford, uncollectable.	1 21
James M. Smith, taxed in Pittsfield,	1 21
Wm. Smith, 2d, taxed in Winchendon,	1 21
Herbert Whittle, taxed in Hillsboro',	2 13
Benj. F. Bailey & Son, uncollectable,	8 98
Frank Bailey, uncollectable,	1 21
George W. Bruce, uncollectable,	1 21
Mrs. Wm. McCoy, error in taxing dog,	1 00
Hartley D. Mason, uncollectable,	1 21
Edward Buckle, paid in Wilton,	1 21
Wm. Towns estate, over tax,	5 47
George A. Ayer, uncollectable,	2 57
Frank Holt, paid in Antrim,	1 21
Robert Morrow, uncollectable,	1 21
Alvah Ames, uncollectable,	24
E. D. Bristol, uncollectable,	1 21
William Barr, error in taxing dog,	1 00
Joshua Richardson, error in taxing dog,	1 00
E. W. McIntosh, compromise of disputed tax,	48 71
Forrest G. Field, paid in Bennington,	1 21
Charles A. Nieman, under age,	1 21
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	\$251 67

ABATEMENTS FROM TAX LIST OF 1880.

S. N. Porter, Collector.

Mrs. John W. Holt, watering trough, 1879-80,	\$3 00
John D. Butler, over tax,	3 18
Jones N. Dodge, dog killed,	1 00
Samuel R. Miller, poll tax over 70,	1 06
Albert C. Frost, watering trough, 1879-80,	3 00
Charles Fosdick, horse died,	21
Archelaus Cragin, watering trough,	1 50
Noah Smith, poll tax over 70,	1 06
Benjamin Crosby, dog died,	1 00
Conrad Naglie, over tax,	5 30
Mary E. Kimball, watering trough, 1879-80,	3 00
Abel Wilder, watering trough, 1879-80,	3 00
Mrs. Charles Methley, inability to pay,	1 06
Alvin A. Davis, over tax,	4 24
Amos Greene's estate, inability to pay,	2 41
James M. Hanaford, over tax,	2 12
Wm. F. Pratt, poll and tax on Leathers land,	3 18
Jonathan Ames, at Soldiers' Home,	1 06
Marcut Austin, left town before tax assessed,	1 06
George W. Bailey, not in town April 1,	1 06

Harry E. Clark, not in town April 1,	1 06
Wm. M. Cragin, " "	1 06
Jonathan Coburn, " "	1 06
Milan Corey, left town before tax assessed,	1 06
James Clinton, uncollectable,	18
Joseph Fletcher, not in town,	1 06
Misses Fife, inability to pay,	3 18
William Ferren, not in town,	1 06
Freeman Flagg, paid tax in Mason,	1 06
Charles Hart, not in town,	1 06
William Holden, not in town,	1 06
James Harkins, not in town,	1 06
Levi Hayden, unable to pay,	1 06
Andrew M. Kinlock, left town,	1 06
James Lyle, paid in Fitchburg,	1 06
James Mitchell, taxed to wrong person,	2 12
E. Eugene Mansur, left town,	1 06
George G. Richardson, paid in Hillsboro',	2 06
William Smith, paid in Winchendon,	2 06
John W. Stewart estate, taxed to wrong person.	1 06
Fred Smallwood, left town,	3 06
John E. Tenney, paid in Antrim,	1 06
Phineas Taggart, paid in Sharon,	1 06
John E. Wait, paid in Dublin,	1 06
Herbert Whittle, paid in Hillsboro',	1 06
Charles A. Fifield, uncollectable,	37
A. Robie, uncollectable,	1 06
Homer C. Barnard, over tax,	53
Collins C. Robbins, over tax,	2 12
Edward Burke,	1 56
James A. Smith, not in town April 1,	1 06
Willis F. Smith, not in town April 1,	1 06
Forrest G. Field, not in town April 1,	1 06
Charles A. Field, not in town April 1,	1 06

\$85 18

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	\$3,227 19
Library,	245 15
Highways,	1250 00
Bridges and Railing,	500 00
Snow Bills,	600 00
Fire Department,	265 83
Street Lamps,	322 79
Paupers,	150 00
Putnam Grove,	171 21
Cemetery,	
Incidentals,	755 41
Town Officers,	1,176 05

Doors and Windows in Town House,	250 00
Water for Town House Stores,	82 52
Town Clock,	71 90
Sheep killed by Dogs,	12 00
Town Hall Stage,	50 90
Safe,	75 00
Water Pipes on Main Street,	260 00
Grand Army of the Republic,	50 00
1879 Tax on Money in Sav. Banks Refunded,	129 05
Carting Sand out of Amzi Childs' Pond,	65 00
Tinning Roof to Piazza to Town House,	52 00
Planking Town House Steps,	13 01
	———— \$9,775 01

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1881.

Old Town Bonds,	\$25,000 00
Interest on same at 6 per cent.,	250 00
New Town Bonds,	46,000 00
Interest on the same at 5 per cent.,	383 33
Outstanding coupons,*	327 50
Superintending School Committee,	60 00
A. Fuller, Overseer of the Poor,	41 35
A. Davis, Road Agent,	49 02
Outstanding orders on Treasurer,	51 23
	———— \$72,162 43

RESOURCES.

O. A. Willey, uncollected tax list,	\$ 54 07
Money in treasury,	2,705 36
United States bounties,	1,178 34
Town House,	16,000 00
Town Farm,	3,600 00
Personal property on same, Feb. 5, 1880,	2,216 74
Less the amount due Superin- tendent,	147 69
	———— 2,069 05
Due from T. P. Ames,	32 93
Fire Department property,	3,002 00
	———— \$28,641 75
	———— \$43,520 68

*\$51 have been left out of the amount heretofore reported as coupons outstanding, it being evident to us that those coupons are not in existence.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES.

ACCOUNTS.	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.	Unexpended.	Outstanding.	Deficiency Paid.	Appropriation Recommended.
Schools	\$3661 57	\$3227 19	\$443 38	.....	.....	\$2912 00
Library	213 27	245 15	.....	.....	31 88	225 00
Road Agent	1900 00	2399 02	.....	49 02	450 00	2000 00
Fire Department	325 00	265 83	59 17	.....	.....	325 00
Street Lamps	350 00	322 79	27 21	.....	.....	300 00
Paupers	250 00	150 00	100 00	41 35	.....	150 00
Putnam Grove	183 09	171 21	11 88	.....	.....	.....
Cemetery	286 23	.....	286 25	.....	.....	.....
Incidentals	1409 78	755 41	654 37	.....	.....	*
Town Officers	600 00	1176 05	.....	.....	576 05	†600 00
Doors and Windows	250 00	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Water for t'wn house	200 00	82 52	117 48	.....	.....	.....
Town Clock	100 00	71 90	28 10	Unfinished.	.....	.....
Sheep killed by dogs	105 00	12 00	93 00	.....	.....	Dog tax.
Town Hall Stage	50 00	50 90	.....	.....	90	.....
Safe	75 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Water Pipes. Main St	300 00	260 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....
Grand Army	50 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sav. Bank tax, 1879, .....	.....	129 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clearing Childs pond .....	.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tinning Piazza roof .....	.....	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Planking T. H. steps .....	.....	13 01	.....	.....	.....	.....
Intr'st on town debt	3900 00	4230 50	.....	327 50	330 50	3800 00
Reduction town debt .....	.....	1360 00	.....	.....	.....	2000 00

* Rent of Town House, &c.

† And balance to credit of incidentals.

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL INVOICE AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES, 1880.

Value of Real Estate,	\$979,694 00
Stocks in Public Funds,	19,800 00
Shares in Banks and other Corporations,	68,805 00
Money on hand at interest, or on deposit,	171,555 00
Stock in trade,	84,239 00
Carriages,	8,410 00
Horses (374),	25,055 00
Neat Cattle (1020),	30,307 00
Sheep (389),	1,296 00
Polls (572),	57,200 00
Total valuation,	\$1,446,361 00

Town Appropriations,	\$17,529 00
Less Savings Bank, Insurance, and Railroad tax, (estimated),	3,000 00
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	\$14,529 00
Amount added for Abatements, 4.8 per cent..	702 29
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	\$15,231 29
Tax assessed on property omitted in Annual Invoicee,	100 15
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Total amount of tax,	\$15,331 44
Dogs (90),	94 00
Rate of taxation, \$10.60 on \$1000.	

WILLIAM MOORE, } Selectmen
WILBUR E. DAVIS, } of
JOSEPH F. NOONE, } Peterboro'.

ERRATA.—On page 14, fifth line under "Receipts," read "Money borrowed of 1st National Bank, \$2,000," instead of \$20,000.

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY WITH DATE OF EXPIRATION OF POLICES.

Amount insured.	Property insured.	When expiring.
\$1,175 00	Town House,	July 1, 1881.
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
"	"	"
1,300 00	"	"
1,500 00	Engine house, engine, & apparatus, Jan. 18, 1882.	
1,500 00	Town library,	Nov. 1, 1881.
2,100 00	Poor farm property,	Feb. 11, 1883.

LIST OF PAUPERS AT THE COUNTY FARM, FEB. 14, 1881, RECEIVED FROM THE TOWN OF PETERBORO'.

Name.	Age.	Admitted	Sane or Insane.
Mary A. Carter,	81	June 1, 1868,	Insane.
Sarah Fife,	61	Dec. 3, 1860,	"
Lucinda Methley,	58	June 19, 1876,	"
David Taggart,	70	Dec. 31, 1875,	"
Kate Warren,	56	May 7, 1875,	"
Horace Sawin,	79	July 14, 1876,	Sane.

Of the above named paupers at the County Farm, two only, Mary A. Carter and Lucinda Methley, ever had a settlement in Peterboro'.

LIST OF PERSONS AIDED BY THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

A. W. Bingham, Keene.
Albert Hadley, Insane Asylum, Concord.

TABLE.

Showing the amount of uncollected taxes at the close of each year, and amount of abatements made during each year, for the last fifteen years :

	Uncollected.	Abatement.
1868.	\$1,548 84	\$239 86
1869.	1,400 98	86 43
1870.	597 60	126 55
1871.	989 47	127 40
1872.	1,015 08	175 68
1873.	1,879 64	161 65
1874.	1,649 00	376 94
1875.	1,564 12	598 50
1876.	1,856 43	251 17
1877.	1,853 23	273 76
1878.	1,418 70	287 34
1879.	1,744 04	215 49
1880.	1,288 50	239 85
1881. On old tax list.	54 07	331 05

REPORT OF THE OSGOOD FUND.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS :

Cash received of Selectmen March 1, 1880,	\$15 00
One year's interest on \$1,000 Peterboro' Savings Bank,	40 40
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	\$55 40

EXPENDITURES :

Amount distributed among the poor during the year,	\$30 00
Balance in Selectmen's hands, March 1, 1881,	\$25 40

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER in account with the town.	DR.
To balance, March 1, 1880,	\$ 3,268 53
Received of T. P. Ames, collector,	719 59
S. N. Porter, collector,	15,362 94
O. A. Willey, collector,	240 38
Selectmen, store rent,	\$ 812 50
Selectmen, town hall,	31 00
Selectmen, upper hall,	52 00
Selectmen, use of hearse,	3 00
Selectmen, circus license,	5 00
Selectmen, dog license,	28 00
Selectmen, balance execution against Ballou,	74 84
Selectmen, bal. highway tax, Shedd Bros.,	1 50
Selectmen, proceeds note to First Nat. Bank,	2,000 00
Selectmen, bal. settlement with State,	490 06
Selectmen, for wood sold on acct. of taxes,	9 00
Selectmen, unexpended bal- ance library acct., March 1, 1880,	7 31
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J. H. Steele, town clerk, deeds of ceme- tery lots,	1 00
J. H. Steele, license billiard tables,	47 00
O. A. Willey, sale of cemetery lots,	57 00
	—————
	\$23,210 65
CR.	
By paid Selectmen's orders,	\$9,723 78
Old town bond, balance due Jan. 1, 1880,	500 00
Interest (coupons),	4,137 50
Note, Mrs. Starrett,	860 00
Interest on note, Mrs. Starrett,	43 00
Note, First Nat. Bank,	2,000 00
Interest on same,	50 00
County tax,	3,173 58
Abatements ordered by Selectmen,	17 48
Balance, cash on hand,	2,705 36
	—————
	\$23,210 65

W. G. LIVINGSTON, Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

Town of Peterboro' in account with ASA DAVIS, Agent.

DR.

Cash received of Treasurer,	\$1,250 00
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CR.

Paid S. D. Robbe, agent,	\$ 2 25
Hiram McCoy,	1 35
David Gould,	2 83
B. Hamill, agent,	11 82
J. H. Wilkinson,	3 43
H. Nelson,	3 50
Fred J. Ames,	2 00
B. W. Crosby, agent,	15 62
Cyrus Blanchard,	• 72
W. L. Baldwin, agent,	19 89
B. F. Eastman, agent,	27 80
John D. Diamond, 1879,	4 00
John D. Diamond, 1880,	4 00
Charles H. Varnum, agent,	16 50
Ira A. Spofford,	2 25
John S. Stearns,	4 17
Alvin Townsend,	8 75
S. D. Robbe, agent,	14 25
John Q. Adams,	6 63
S. W. Vose,	3 50
A. Davis, paid A. Roby,	69 35
A. Davis, paid W. Barr,	30 23
A. Davis, paid T. Amos,	17 40
A. Davis, paid Taggart and for oxen,	197 05
A. Davis, use of horse,	22 00
William Ventris,	37 12
Horse and cart,	80 55
A. Davis, man and oxen,	71 75

Henry Howe,	4 05
George W. Ames,	108 45
Mr. Delaney,	13 50
A. Davis, for Kern Daley,	6 61
William Dorman,	15 75
Levi Gazzo,	60 08
John Bovis,	48 87
A. Davis and horse,	172 45
Cyrille Peruse,	38 48
Joseph Bovis,	2 70
Morris Frye,	14 10
Patrick McLaughlin,	3 75
Charles Donovan,	18 23
H. Nelson,	2 00
W. E. Davis,	5 65
J. H. Bartlett,	3 95
A. T. Hovey,	14 00
E. A. Robbins' bill,	1 10
Smith Brothers' bill,	1 70
Ames Plow Co.'s, bill,	1 25

	\$1,217 38

BRIDGES.

DR.	
Cash received of Treasurer,	\$500 00
CR.	
Paid David Gould,	\$ 75
B. W. Crosby,	2 43
W. L. Baldwin,	4 00
Isaac Hadley,	1 75
J. L. Carter,	7 00
G. H. Collins, plank,	44 00
H. Nelson,	4 39
R. H. Kimball, stringers,	19 11
John Q. Adams, plank,	9 48
A. Davis, for A. Roby,	26 75
A. Davis, for W. Barr,	19 95
A. Davis, for T. Amos,	4 50
A. Davis, for Taggart and oxen,	91 35
A. Davis, for man and oxen,	7 00
A. Davis, horse,	19 75
Charles Donovan,	6 75
Joe Bovis,	4 05
Cyrille Peruse,	8 24
William Ventris,	6 76

John Bovis,	27 71
Levi Gazzo,	16 20
William Dorman,	16 28
A. Davis, for Kern Daley,	6 75
George W. Ames,	57 45
Patrick McLaughlin,	5 25
Asa Davis,	91 85
William Moore, stringers,	10 00
W. E. Davis,	6 15
J. H. Bartlett,	4 00
G. W. Farrar, bill,	3 89
A. Davis, plank, stringers, posts, nails, etc.,	72 20
	\$1,823 12

SNOW BILLS.

DR.

Cash received of Treasurer, \$600 00

CR.

Paid W. L. Baldwin,	\$ 4 20
Cyrus Blanchard,	3 12
John D. Diamond,	75
James Lane,	1 20
John A. Hovey,	1 25
W. H. Wilson,	1 05
David Blanchard, 1876,	2 00
George W. Hadley,	40
John Cragin,	5 15
Samuel Woods,	1 25
Samuel Woods,	3 25
H. Nelson,	1 00
J. H. Bartlett,	15 72
Albert Clark,	1 38
Frank Douglas,	2 63
A. M. Kimball,	3 82
W. J. Hayward,	4 77
B. W. Crosby, agent,	39 85
John Diamond,	7 06
John M. Ramsey,	4 10
Henry Scott,	1 10
Lyman Hall, agent,	9 65
Hiram McCoy,	2 63
Daniel Edes,	7 10
German Day,	4 84
Isaac Peasley, agent,	13 95
James Lane,	4 65
W. D. Goss,	60

John Q. Adams,	7 15
D. Osborn,	3 55
John A. Hovey,	3 37
Charles H. Varnum, agent,	47 56
Joel T. Brackett, agent,	50 16
S. D. Robbe, agent,	7 35
Lorenzo Holt,	2 70
William Moore,	8 38
John Cragin,	7 24
C. W. Hunter, agent,	12 75
Jackson Clement,	3 00
A. S. Annis,	2 01
George M. Morse, agent,	20 20
Sampson Washburn, agent,	10 50
Cyrus Blanchard,	10 50
B. F. Eastman, agent,	14 25
James Smiley,	14 16
George M. Cooper,	5 00
P. McLaughlin,	1 95
F. A. Tarbell,	4 40
John S. Stearns, agent.	16 57
Frank Conda,	5 59
B. Hamill, agent,	10 50
William Freeman.	3 61
H. B. Morse,	1 00
Ira A. Spofford, agent,	10 50
S. W. Vose, agent,	11 48
A. Davis, labor and bills paid,	77 65
A. Davis, Ames and oxen,	56 35
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	\$2,399 02
	\$2,350 00

ASA DAVIS, Road Agent.

TOWN FARM.

JAMES H. BARTLETT. Superintendent, in account with the Peterboro' Town Farm.

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ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNT.

Dr.

To cash received for Stock sold,	\$318 39
Hay and Fodder sold,	42 30
Grain sold,	20 50

To cash received for Labor on roads,	19 67
Butter and Cheese sold,	132 67
Wood sold,	363 29
Lumber sold,	70 40
Produce, etc., sold,	173 48
	———— \$1,140 70
By paid for Stock bought,	\$263 50
Grain bought,	82 94
Labor,	280 70
Pasturing Cattle,	12 00
Paints and Oil for painting house,	22 73
Fertilizers bought,	44 45
Produce, Tools, etc., bought,	217 66
Taxes in Dublin,	2 26
Taxes in Peterboro',	37 15
By Salary to April 1st, 1881,	325 00
	———— \$1,288 39
Balance due J. H. Bartlett,	\$147 69

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

AUGUSTUS FULLER, in account with the Town of Peterboro'.

DR.	
To cash on hand per last report,	\$ 05
Cash of Town,	150 00
	———— \$150 05
CR.	
By paid for Albert Hadley,	\$79 90
A. W. Bingham,	78 00
Longley Spofford,	29 75
Tramps,	3 75
	———— \$191 40
Balance due A. Fuller, March 1, 1881,	\$41 35

AUGUSTUS FULLER, Overseer of Poor.

LIBRARY REPORT.

Your committee, when they assumed the care of the Town Library in April last, found a considerable number of books in the Library Room which were not entered on the Library record of books belonging to it. Neither did they bear the Library's printed label, nor any numbers or marks, written or printed, to indicate in any way that they were a part of the Library, or even the property of the town. We at once caused these volumes to be entered on the accessions catalogue, numbered and labelled and placed on the shelves. It was impossible to determine from the records of the Library or any other source of information, whether any of these volumes, or if any, which and how many, had been included in the accessions reported by former committees. The Librarian then in charge, was unable to give us any information further than the fact that the books had never been catalogued or numbered, but had, to some extent, been used and taken out by persons wishing to consult them. How many volumes have been lost to the town by such a method of dealing with them, will probably never be known, but Volume 1 of N. H. Agricultural Reports and Volume 52 of N. H. Supreme Court Reports were found to be missing from their respective sets, and the committee have so far been unable to find any trace of them. If any citizen of the town has them, it is hoped he will return them to the Librarian without delay. Several other volumes, of N. H. State Documents, Agricultural Reports, &c., were in the Selectmen's room, which by their direction we also placed in the Library. The additions to the accessions catalogue from both sources were seventy-one volumes.

Assuming then that this catalogue is the basis of the last annual book report, the book account stands as follows :

Volumes reported last year,	3926
Added to the list as above stated,	71
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Whole No. April, 1880,	3997
Added during the year by purchase.	77
Added during the year by gift	94
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	171
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	4168
Lost during the year	1
Worn out during the year	3
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Present number	4
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	4164

The Books presented during the year are :

By J. N. McClintock—History of Monumental Egypt and True Story of the Exodus,	No. Vols.
Commissioner of Education—Reports,	3
Smithsonian Institution—Reports,	8
Land Office—Reports,	8
Commissioner of Agriculture—Reports,	4
Hon. J. F. Briggs—Congressional Record and Pub. Docs.,	20
City of Manchester—History and Description of Manches- ter Soldiers' Monument and Exercises at Dedication,	1
State of Kansas—Agricultural and Statistical Reports.	2
State of Mass.—Reports of Sec'y of Board of Education,	23
Flint's Agriculture of Mass.,	9
Reports of Board of State Charities,	7
Reports of Commissioners of Health, Lu- nacy and Charities. Vol. 1, 1880,	1
R. B. Hatch—Report Mass. Board State Charities,	1
J. H. Cutler—Kansas State Documents,	2
N. H. Journals Senate and House,	1
State of N. H.—Annual Reports for 1879 and 1880,	2
By the Author—Public Hygiene in America, by Henry I. Bowditch, M. D.,	1
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	94

The book lost is Eggleston's "The end of the World," (17-3-19), which was drawn by F. C. Farrington, who left town without returning it, and all efforts of the Librarian and the Committee to secure its return, or any reply from him, have been in vain.

The books worn out are :

Mrs. Stowe's "The Pearl of Orr's Island,"	15-5-6
"Sybil's Second Love,"	17-5-15

And in Juveniles :

"Through by Daylight,"	13-4-12
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There is a duplicate copy of the last named book in the Library.

Although all books were accounted for on the last report, three have been returned during the year which were not in the Library when we took charge of it—one from a family in the easterly part of the town—one found in one of the Sunday school libraries of the place and returned last summer, and another brought in just before the making of this report.

To secure greater accuracy in the delivery and return of books, and otherwise facilitate the proper performance by the Librarian of his duties, as well as to effectually prevent the carrying away of books without having them charged, which we found had become a crying evil, we have introduced the system of cards which is in use in all city libraries and in all well managed public and private circulating libraries of anything like the size of ours. If any object to this method of drawing books because it is *new*, we have only to say that it is probably older than they themselves are; is the outgrowth of the combined experience of the skilled librarians of the country; is the only method yet devised that secures the highest degree of accuracy, efficiency and expedition in the performance of the Librarian's duties and accommodation of book drawers; and it is indispensable to the *proper* conduct of a library as large and as much used as ours, and ought to have been introduced long ago.

One source of inconvenience to both the public and the Librarian since the introduction of the cards, has been the lack of a supplementary catalogue of the additions made since the last catalogue was printed. The Committee are now preparing such a supplement to the catalogue, which will be printed and placed in the hands of the Librarian at an early day, for distribution to all families using the Library. With this supplement furnished, we believe all just ground of complaint against using the cards will be removed, and we trust all will cheerfully acquiesce in giving a fair trial to a method which we fully believe they will find sat-

isfactory after such trial, and which we know is necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the Librarian's duties.

As a further security against the handling and injury of books and carrying them away without the Librarian's knowledge, we have, at his request, substituted for the table a standing desk at the delivery, thus preventing the piling of books there within the reach of the public as they are returned, and necessitating the putting of every volume at once in its place on the shelves when it is received, ready for delivery if called for; and also necessitating the receiving of every volume by the drawer directly from the Librarian's hand after he has charged it to him. By no other system can we justly hold the Librarian responsible for the books we place in his charge. In furtherance of the same general plan, the Selectmen have, at our suggestion, extended the wire railing across the south side of the Library room, substituting a higher railing at the delivery end of the floor, and removing the old counter on the south side. We think every one will recognize it as a necessary change and a great improvement to the room.

Our predecessors, in their report one year ago, offered two suggestions of which at the time we heartily approved, and which we have attempted to carry out during the year. The first was that a collection of pamphlets should be made. We have made a catalogue of and numbered all pamphlets in the Library when we took charge of it, and such others as have been received during the year.

Those received during the year are :

From the Department of Agriculture—

1. Special Report on Crops, April, 1880.
2. General Index of Agricultural Reports, 1862-1876.
3. Report on Sorghum Sugar, April, 1880.

From Bureau of Education—

1. Report of Commissioner for 1876.
2. Special Report on Libraries of U. S.—Part II.
3. College Libraries as Educators.
4. Annual Meeting National Educational Association, 1880.
5. Legal Rights of Children.
6. Rural School Architecture.
7. English Rural Schools.
8. The Indian School at Carlisle Barracks.
9. Progress of Western Education in China, Siam and Japan.
10. Vacation Colonies for Sickly Children.

The second suggestion, that the *Transcript* be bound and placed in the Library yearly we heartily concur in, and we have partially perfected an arrangement whereby we expect to place in the Library bound volumes of the paper covering quite a long series of years. Such an addition will be invaluable in the future as a source of information in matters of local history.

We have also on hand several volumes of the "Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office," a weekly journal furnished to the Library by the United States Government with the request that it be bound and preserved. These we propose to bind at once, as it is a valuable publication for persons interested in machinery and the mechanic arts.

The financial report is as follows :

DR.	
Received of Selectmen during the year,	\$150 00
Librarian, fines and catalogues,	16 00
Trustees of Weston Fund, Feb.	
19, 1881,	9 99
Selectmen, Feb. 23, 1881, bal-	
ance of appropriation,	10 09
Selectmen, Feb. 23, 1881, bal.	
reported 1880 and placed in	
town treasury,	7 31
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	\$193 39
Cr.	
By paid for new books,	\$98 26
Georgia Lynch, salary for April,	6 67
F. H. Porter, salary May 1 to July 1,	10 00
J. H. Steele, blank books, &c., for	
Librarian,	2 51
J. M. Ramsey, for wood,	5 00
for cutting and putting in wood,	1 50
Farnum & Scott, for 1000 cards,	5 00
C. A. Jaquith, for kerosene, chim., &c.,	2 50
Express on books,	2 55
Postage and incidentals,	1 56
Balance on hand,	57 84
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	\$193 39

As will be seen above we have not yet done the rebinding and repairing of the books for the year ; and for the reason that we did not intend to go beyond the appropriation, which was con-

tingent on the amount of the Literary Fund drawn by the town. This fund being somewhat larger than last year, the balance of the appropriation turned over to us just before making this report, together with the fine money, will be sufficient for this purpose and for the two above mentioned. The income of the Weston Fund, received by us a few days since, by its conditions must be expended in the purchase of books for the Library.

We recommend that in future the appropriation be made a definite sum, and not contingent upon anything received from the State, so that whoever manages your Library may know at the beginning of the year what means they have at command.

J. H. CUTLER,
R. B. HATCH,
JOHN SCOTT, } Library Committee.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of Accounts for the Town of Peterboro', have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, Superintendent of the Town Farm, Road Agent, High School Committee, and Committee on the Town Library, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

We think the report of the Superintendent of the Town Farm should be made up by omitting his salary from the account, thus showing a balance of \$177.31 cash in his hands, and that the Financial Statement of the Town should show this sum among the assets, and the liabilities should include \$325.00 salary due the Superintendent April 1, 1881. We say nothing of the Selectmen's Town Farm Reports for the reason that there are two reports, and that the cash transactions between the Farm and the Town all appear in the Superintendent's Report and are there audited.

M. L. MORRISON,
R. B. HATCH,
W. L. BALDWIN, } Auditors.

March 1, 1881.

TOWN FARM.

THE SELECTMEN in account with the Town of Peterboro' :

DR.	
To farm as appraised Feb. 1, 1880,	\$3600 00
Stock, " "	809 00
Hay and fodder, " "	276 00
Produce and provisions, " "	251 22
Furniture, " "	206 30
Tools, " "	337 30
Wood and lumber, " "	120 00
Balance of salary due Bartlett,	147 69
	\$5,747 51
CR.	
By farm as appraised Feb. 5, 1881,	\$3600 00
Stock, " "	827 50
Hay and fodder, " "	409 00
Produce and provisions, " "	273 84
Tools, " "	302 84
Furniture, " "	133 71
Wood and lumber, " "	164 99
Reduction in appraisal of furniture, " " tools,	72 59 34 46
Debts due the farm (note),	104 86
	\$5,923 79
Balance in favor of the farm,	\$ 176 28

NOTE.—The above account is made up of the actual transactions of the farm, and all the items of the account are contained in the annual invoices in February of 1880 and 1881, and the cash account of J. H. Bartlett, superintendent. The difference in the appraisal of furniture and tools is not on account of any loss on either, but a difference of opinion as to their value, and should not affect the standing of the farm. The interest is not taken into the account because it is neither a debt we owe or a debt we have paid.

Sixty-eight cords of wood and about nine M. feet of lumber have been cut off from the farm during the year. We are of the opinion that the value of the farm has not depreciated on that account more than it has appreciated on account of improvements made, and other causes.

W. E. DAVIS, } Selectmen
J. F. NOONE, } of
 } Peterboro'.

Selectmen in account with the Town of Peterboro'.

Dr.

To Farm as appraised Feb. 1, 1880,	\$3600 00
68 cords hard wood sold from farm,	108 80
9 M. hemlock timber with bark sold from farm,	63 00
Stock,	809 00
6½ tons English hay,	
10½ tons stock hay,	
7½ tons meadow hay,	
1½ tons straw,	
3 tons English hay (surplus),	39 25
½ ton straw (surplus),	3 05
Produce and provisions,	251 22
Tools, appraisal of 1880,	\$337.30
Furniture, appraisal of 1880,	206.30
Wood and lumber,	120 00
Balance of salary of James H. Bartlett,	147 69
Interest at 5 per cent.,	274 99
	———— \$5,417 00

Cr.

By farm appraisal,	\$3600 00
Improvements,	64 00
Stock,	827 50
6½ tons English hay,	
10½ tons stock hay and fodder,	
7½ tons meadow hay,	
1½ tons straw,	
2 tons English hay (surplus),	38 00
Produce and provisions,	273 84
Furniture,	\$133.71
Farming tools,	302.84
Wood and lumber,	164 99
Debts due farm,	104 86
	———— \$5,073 19
Balance against the farm,	\$343 81

Interest is profit derived from property used by another person. We have used the property, therefore should be charged with interest. The property embraced in "Farming Tools and Furniture" we return as we took it. We return property for property, not the appraisals, as they are only the different opinions on the same property. We took the farm with a stock of cattle and hay enough to feed them through spring, with three

tons to sell. We debit ourselves with the hay we were obliged to feed as so many tons, and the surplus at its cash value. We return an equivalent stock to be fed through another spring, also hay enough, ton for ton, to feed them; we also return two tons which may be sold, so we credit ourselves with the hay to be fed as so many tons, also the surplus at its cash value.

WILLIAM MOORE, 1st Selectman.

UNPAID TAXES ON O. A. WILLEY'S TAX

LIST, FEB. 24, 1881.

1876,	Murray, Thomas	\$1 30
“	Wilkins, Albert	2 19
1877,	Murray, Thomas	37
1878,	Follansbee, Charles P.	1 55
“	Gowing, Henry M.	1 55
“	Murphy, Albert L.	3 17
“	O'Driscoll, Jeremiah P.	1 55
“	Reagan, Jeremiah	4 10
“	Truxler, George L.	1 55
“	Woods, Stedman W.	1 55
“	Russell, Walter	3 10
1879,	Fuller, Andrew Z.	1 21
“	Gowing, Henry M.	1 21
“	Murray, Thomas	2 21
“	Proctor, George A.	14 52
“	Reagan, Jeremiah	2 06
“	Scott, Walter	1 21
“	Shepard, Arthur	1 21
“	Bullard, Lydia, Mrs.	4 84
“	Blanchard, Joseph	1 21
“	French, Edward	1 21
“	Ramsey, William M.	1 21
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		\$54 07

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

In compliance with a vote of the town, I herewith submit the annual report of the Fire Department, with an inventory and appraisal of the property connected therewith.

The force of the department consists of the Board of Engineers, thirty-six men belonging to Aquarius Engine Co., and fifteen belonging to Deluge Engine Co. I am pleased to be able to report a well organized and efficient Fire Department, with a better selected and a more efficient body of young men than is usually found in any department of this size. Especially worthy of mention is the thorough business manner in which the company meetings of Aquarius Engine Co. are conducted, and the strict manner in which the company rules are enforced. As a consequence of this their meetings are very fully attended, and the men thereby have a greater interest in and a better knowledge of their duties than they otherwise would have.

The Department has not been called out to a fire during the year, and for the past few years the town has been remarkably fortunate in this respect. It is the duty of the town to see that this good fortune does not in the end prove their misfortune, by causing its citizens to be more negligent in the care of their property and providing means for its protection.

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting, (composed of J. H. Steele and myself,) have made arrangements with the Phoenix Manufacturing Co. satisfactory to us, and they have been paid \$260.00 as the town's portion of the expense of putting in the connecting pipes and hydrants between the pipes connected with the Phoenix Factory pump and that in P. C. Cheney Co's Mill. Another cut-off has been put in, so that either pump can be used in either direction independent of the

other, or both can be used together. We are to have the use of the pump in the Phoenix Factory whenever wanted for fire purposes and the necessary trials of the pipes and hydrants.

INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Aquarius Engine,	\$500 00
2 hose carriages,	120 00
1 sled for hose carriage,	14 00
550 feet leather hose,	500 00
1200 feet linen hose,	900 00
7 hose pipes,	40 00
2 fire hooks with ropes,	35 00
3 ladders,	8 00
17 hose clamps,	15 00
3 stoves and pipes,	45 00
5 hosemen's rubber coats,	25 00
Engine house,	500 00
Leading and suction hose at W. Peterboro',	300 00
	----- \$3002 00

All of the property in the department is in good condition and ready for use at all times. I would recommend that at least 300 feet more hose be allowed Deluge Engine Co. I would also recommend that the town purchase a village hook and ladder truck, to be kept with the Aquarius Engine. The department is very poorly provided with this very necessary apparatus of a well equipped fire department, and unless provided the town will be liable sometime to suffer serious loss for the want of it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. NOONE,
Chief Engineer Peterboro' Fire Department.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Peterborough, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

- 1st. To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2d. To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.
- 3d. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools; for the maintenance of the poor; for laying out and repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges; and for other necessary charges arising within the town, and appropriate the same.
- 4th. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the fire department, public library, street lamps, and also for putting in the drain pipe near Farrar's shop.
- 5th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate towards paying the town debt.
- 6th. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
- 7th. To see if the town will vote to sell the town farm, and the land in Dublin owned by said town, and give a good and sufficient deed or deeds of the same, and also dispose of the personal property on said farm, and to see what disposition the town will make of the proceeds of said sales, or to take any other action in relation to said real estate and personal property.
- 8th. To hear the report of the committee appointed at the last biennial election to examine and report in reference to a lobby; to raise such sum of money as may be necessary for the purpose of providing a lobby, or take any other action relating thereto.
- 9th. To see if the town will vote to rebuild the cattle pass between the pastures of William F. White, or take any other action in relation thereto.
- 10th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of scale beams, weights and measures, for the use of the sealer of weights and measures.
- 11th. To see if the town will choose a committee to report rules for the government of town meetings and report at the next town meeting, or take any other action relating thereto.
- 12th. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to require by warrant, that all taxes assessed by them for the year shall be collected before the first of March following.
- 13th. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this nineteenth day of February, 1881.

WILLIAM MOORE, W. E. DAVIS, J. F. NOONE,	Selectmen of Peterboro'.
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